The New Mexico Wilderness Alliance is a registered not-for-profit corporation (501(c)3) and is New Mexico’s largest, homegrown, statewide membership organization dedicated exclusively to the protection, restoration, and continued respect for public wild land and the wildlife who make it home.

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This Watchdog Doesn’t Sleep

We identified 2.5 million acres of wilderness quality lands deserving of additional protections through the Bureau of Land Management’s current Resource Management Planning (including the Rio Puerco, Tri County, Farmington, and Carlsbad district offices) and the National Forest Planning (including the Cibola, Santa Fe, Carson and Gila National Forests).

New Mexico Wilderness Alliance
2015 Annual Report
New Mexico is a healthier and more beautiful place because of you.
Sustained and unwavering conservation marks 2015’s “home front” effectiveness.

2015 - A tactical year for playing defense
- Fighting to stop legislation releasing Wilderness Study Areas
- Opposing geothermal development in the Jemez
- Combating efforts to transfer national public lands
- Contesting oil and gas leasing near Chaco
- Countering abuses like illegal tree cutting in the Santa Fe National Forest
- Eliminating illegal mountain bike trails in the Sandias
- Eliminating illegal grazing in the Gila
- Advocating for reauthorization of the Land and Water Conservation Fund
- Defending Mexican gray wolf recovery
- Preventing the diversion of our beloved Gila River

2015 – A strategic year for playing offense
- The creation of the Columbine Hondo Wilderness
- The transition of the Valles Caldera into the newest unit of the National Park System
- The legislation to protect Wilderness within the Rio Grande National Monument
- The announced intention to secure Wild and Scenic status for the Gila River
- The campaign strides to expand the Pecos Wilderness
- The steps to protect Wilderness areas within the new Organ Mountains Desert Peaks National Monument
- The safeguarding of sensitive areas around Chaco, like the Bisti and Ah-Shi-Sle-Pah

Your Alliance is at every table representing you, the citizen conservationist who wants to keep our most wild and beautiful places wild forever. Looking forward to 2016, we see more opportunity.

Every day provides opportunity to step in where others would hold sway against these publicly owned lands. Each day offers opportunity to live and breathe Wilderness ethics and model them to the next generation in hopes for all species.

Only together with broad, passionate, local support can we move protection forward at the national level. We thank our dedicated volunteers and everyone’s generosity for the financial support that enables us to do the ground work, the advocacy work, the community building and the all-important work of bringing the conservation citizens’ voice to the political table.

Mark Allison                            Ken Cole
Executive Director                 Chair
Who do we work for?
You and our wild neighbors.

Our independence and ability to stand in the fray and get things done on behalf of the Wild is sustained by the fact that more than half our financial support comes from local sources and citizen conservationists.

53% of Fiscal Year* 2015 support came from membership dues, individual donations, and gifts from local family foundations and charitable trusts.

47% of support came from national Foundations supporting our goals in New Mexico.

How we invest time, talent and financial resources:

Wilderness Protection: Upgrading the status of public lands by developing long-term legislative or administrative protection designations. Expenses include place-based campaign activities, grassroots organizing, mobilization, advocacy, and communications with elected officials.

Wilderness Defense: Improving the management of public lands. Expenses include a range of legal oversight and “watchdog” activities to hold agencies continuously accountable for managing lands consistent with relevant statutes, regulations, rules, and management plans and proposals.

Wilderness-based Outreach and Education: Sharing the love of the Wild. Public outreach, education, and engagement. Expenses include subsidized outings to expose all ages to the wild heritage of our national lands in New Mexico.

**TOTAL EXPENSES: $916,068***

- **Wilderness Protection:** $403,070 (44%)
- **Operational Administration:** $164,893 (18%)
- **Wilderness Defense:** $146,571 (16%)
- **Outreach and Education:** $137,410 (15%)
- **Fundraising:** $64,125 (7%)

*FISCAL YEAR OCTOBER 1, 2014 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2015*
Walking the Talk: Building a culture of conservation

On the Ground:
- 10,151 service hours completed by 952 volunteers
- 140,320 acres inventoried
- 25 miles of fence removed

In the World:
- 104,000 educational newsletters (created and distributed online or recyclable print)
- 84,000 digital Field Notes informing people across the country about our activities and campaigns

On the Front Line:
- 2,191 petition signatures gathered for actions to protect Wilderness (and the Mexican gray wolf)
- 1,812 hours of outdoor engagement with 313 New Mexico youth

Beyond our human intentions lies the evidence that Wilderness belongs. The landscapes, both majestic and subtle, give home and sustenance to this earth’s unfathomable diversity. Within a human life span, it lives. And beyond a human life span it lives, moving to its own timepiece, if we only allow it.

Just as freedom is every American’s birthright so too is Wilderness. We know they are inseparable. We hold this truth dearly as we preserve Wilderness from generation to generation for us, for all species and for its own sake.

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Further details about 2016 campaign priorities and all current work are available at nmwild.org.

If you are not a member, please join New Mexico Wilderness Alliance to receive ongoing, critical information for citizen conservationists who want New Mexico’s wild lands and species to flourish. We are grateful for your support.

Remember the Jaguar, a breeding species in New Mexico prior to 1982. Protecting large-scale habitat rewilds America!

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